



**Position:** Content Curation Internship

**Organization:** SolarSPELL (Solar Powered Educational Learning Library)

**Location:** Tempe; and/or Remote

**Application deadline:** April 16th, 2023, applications will continue to be accepted and reviewed every week until the position is filled

**Start date:** mid-May, 2023

**Type of internship:** non-paid; part-time

**Description:** SolarSPELL is seeking part-time interns to curate regionally-relevant, open access, educational content for various collections in the SolarSPELL library.

Potential content curation project areas are included below. In your application, please indicate if there are specific projects that you feel you have the skillset for because this will strengthen the application.

SolarSPELL at ASU is a global educational initiative that combines curated digital libraries, solar-powered technology, and the training to build information literacy and internet-ready skills in offline environments, focusing on the half of the world that remains unconnected. Our offline digital library is designed to bring educational content to resource-constrained locations that may lack electricity, Internet connectivity, and/or traditional libraries. The SolarSPELL library emits an offline WiFi hotspot, to which any WiFi capable device (smartphones, tablets, laptops) can connect and browse the expansive content for free.

Users connect to the SolarSPELL offline, digital library over WiFi, using any WiFi-enabled device (smartphones, tablets, laptops) to freely, and safely, surf thousands of resources that are carefully curated and continually improved to meet local information needs.

More information on SolarSPELL can be found here: <http://solarspell.org>

This internship offers an exciting opportunity to contribute to improving the quality of

educational information available to students and teachers around the world, whose schools may lack internet connectivity, electricity, and/or traditional libraries. Your contributions will be brought to the field and used by teachers and students, potentially within months of your internship!

Interns will be expected to attend an orientation session and content curation training workshop at the beginning of the semester, and weekly virtual check-ins throughout the semester. Ideal candidates will be detail-oriented and proactive in their content curation tasks.

- 1) Southern Africa
  - a) Curate locally-relevant content to the region, potentially including health information about the COVID-19 pandemic
  - b) Curate resources related to local creative arts, environment, social studies, and other topics
  - c) Curate content supporting the curriculum of in-field partners, including Malawi, Lesotho, and Namibia
- 2) All SolarSPELL Educational Library Collections
  - a) Information Literacy and Digital Literacy content for teachers and students
  - b) Curating resources in creative arts, math, science, and other topics for grade school students
  - c) Curating general reference materials and teaching materials
  - d) Review content websites that we regularly curate from for updates (Big History Project, NASA, African Storybook, World's Largest Lesson, etc.)
  - e) Review existing content and identify new content that can be added to our current library modules; identify new interactive, educational modules that can be added to our libraries (example: PhET Interactive Simulations).

Other general tasks might include:

- Feedback on current user interface and library organization/navigation
- Metadata work, including tagging and organizing of content within the library database
- General research on regions and countries of implementation
- Checking content websites we regularly curate from for any new content

**How to apply:** Please send a resume and cover letter to Courtney Finkbeiner at [courtney.finkbeiner@asu.edu](mailto:courtney.finkbeiner@asu.edu). Your files should be in PDF format and follow the naming convention of LastName\_FirstName\_CV (resume) or LastName\_FirstName\_CL (cover letter).